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HARRY G. POLLARD
Illustrious Potentate

IN this, my first communication as your Potentate, I take the opportunity offered through the medium of our publication, to express to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Realizing the great responsibility of this office, it is my sincere hope that with your co-operation and assistance we shall make this year an outstanding one in the history of Aleppo—one that will be spent in happiness and in harmony, being mindful of the fact that success can be obtained only through concerted effort. With the same co-operation that has prevailed throughout the past, by Aleppo's various units and the Nobility at large, I am sure that your Potentate, and those assisting him, will be enabled to keep Aleppo on an even keel, and give the Nobility the activities they desire.

Although the Shrine operates one of the largest philanthropic institutions in the world—The Shriner's Hos-

pitals for Chipped Children—it should not be forgotten that the Shrine is a playground for Masons and it is only through the continued success of the Shrine that these Hospitals can carry on. Therefore, let us look to the up-building of the Shrine, numerically and financially, to the end that the future of these Hospitals shall be secure. The most important means to this end is by a steady increase in membership, and I invite each member of Aleppo to secure a candidate during 1937.

Nobles, let us all work together for the future success of Aleppo.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

Harry G. Pollard
Illustrious Potentate.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

WE welcome you to membership in one of the largest fraternal organizations in the World and the fourth largest Shrine Temple in North America.

It is given to but few men to display the "Scimitar and Crescent" in the lapel of their coat. You now have this privilege, and to wear it is a real distinction. Wear yours and be justly proud of it. When you meet the wearer of a Shrine pin, smile and say "Hello! Noble!"

You were suggested for membership in the Shrine by one of our active members, who had your interest and the interest of the organization at heart. We hope the lessons you received and the enjoyment you gave your friend in accepting his invitation to become a Shriner, will prompt you to encourage some other worthy Brother to join our ranks.

We hope that Allah, the God of our Fathers, may keep and protect you for many years to come, that you may share our joys and participate in our happiness.



ALEPPO'S ANSWER

THE following challenge was printed in a recent issue of the *Zamora News*, the official publication of Zamora Temple, of Birmingham, Alabama:

"Zamora Temple is proud to number among its members the following Nobles who are leaders of Grand Bodies in Alabama:

"Coke S. Wright, Grand Master of Masons.

"Walter Smith, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M.

"Robert L. Strong, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T."

Here is our answer to the above challenge—the following Nobles are members of Aleppo Temple:

Illustrious Melvin M. Johnson, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Most Worshipful Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

Right Eminent Sir George T. Everett, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Fred M. Goodwin, Commander-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory, S.P.R.S.

Past Potentate Frank A. North, Most Wise Master of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix.

Edwin M. Childs, Sovereign Prince of Gile F. Yates Council, Princes of Jerusalem.

Walter S. Morgan, Thrice Potent Master of Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection.

Our present Illustrious Potentate, Harry G. Pollard, is also Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

(Created January 22, 1937)

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CORDIAL CORRESPONDENCE

NOBLE Albert E. Ericson, of Houlton, Maine, writes:

"I have been a life member of Aleppo for twelve years. I was also a member of the Patrol when living in Boston.

"I was transferred up here in Houlton three years ago, and I certainly enjoy getting THE ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS every month, as I read every line, and look forward to the next issue.

"I have not been able to attend a meeting since I have been here. I certainly miss being with the boys. I was a member of the third platoon under Eddie Freeman, and would like to be remembered to all the boys.

"The best of luck to you in the publication of THE NEWS."

The following came from Noble Geo. A. Torrey, 911 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.:

"If you have an extra copy of ALEPPO News for December 1936, I will greatly appreciate receiving one. Stamp to cover postage is enclosed.

"Circumstances have conspired to prevent me being in Boston on evenings when Aleppo Temple has a Ceremonial or other function, with the result that I have not attended for some ten years. ALEPPO News now makes me feel I still have a real contact with my home Temple and each month I look forward to receiving my copy of that interesting and informative 'house organ.'"

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LIKED THE ANNUAL MEETING

SINCE the Annual Meeting on January 22, 1937, the officers of Aleppo Temple have been receiving many telephone calls and personal letters from the Nobility, congratulating those responsible for the handling of the mass of details resulting in the pronounced success of the evening, and the officers wish to thank these Nobles for their words of praise.

Among the many comments received was the following letter from Noble Fred L. Foster, 70 Brookline Street, Lynn, Massachusetts:

"I am writing to express my appreciation of the way everything was handled at the January 22nd Ceremony.

"The supper was excellent. The show was very good. The entertainment was of the kind which I believe is most generally preferred, and was run off quickly and smoothly.

"Everyone responsible for the work on election, the entertainment and the supper is to be complimented."



NOBLE ENGLER'S GENEROUS GIFT

WE have received a letter from Noble James A. Rogers, Assistant Recorder, Palestine Temple, Providence, Rhode Island, in which he stated that he had just received a check for Five Hundred Dollars from Noble Joseph Engler, of Aleppo Temple, which generous gift is to be used to furnish another room in the Palestine Temple's Lawton Convalescent Home, in connection with the Shrine Hospital at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Next Shrine Luncheon at Boston City Club Tuesday, February 23, at 12:30 p.m.

Timely Talk on Conditions in Russia By Noble Samuel M. Lindsay, D.D.

THE Nobles of Aleppo Temple are again to be treated to an unusual attraction at the next Shrine Luncheon to be held Tuesday, February 23, 1937, at the Boston City Club, when we will have as our guest speaker, Noble Rev. Samuel M. Lindsay, D.D., Pastor of the Brookline Baptist Church, Brookline, Massachusetts.

Those Nobles who were fortunate enough to be present some years ago, when Dr. Lindsay spoke at a luncheon in the Copley-Plaza Hotel, will remember the stirring address he delivered on conditions in Russia. Dr. Lindsay has re-



NOBLE REV. SAMUEL M. LINDSAY

cently returned from another visit to that interesting country and is to give us an up-to-date review on conditions. He has taken for his subject "Russia Visited and Revisited—The Story of an Eye-Witness."

Dr. Lindsay, who has delivered lectures to organizations in many parts of the country, is one of the younger preachers in Massachusetts. Some years ago, the *Boston Herald* included him among the ten outstanding Boston preachers. More university students listen to him on Sundays than to any other preacher in Boston.

During 1916 to 1922, Dr. Lindsay was co-speaker with the late-lamented Dr. S. Parkes Cadman of radio fame, speaking at the forum in the Central Y. M. C. A. in Brooklyn, New York.

The following excerpt, taken from a letter received from the Boston City Club, is self-explanatory:

"Up until the present time we have endeavored to absorb as much of the rising food costs as possible, without affecting the prices of meals served. We have now reached the point, however, where the rising trend in food costs has become more pronounced, and this fact, together with an increase in wages to

employees effective January 8, 1937, makes it necessary, much to our regret, to advance the prices of meals served in private rooms.

"We are deeply appreciative of the opportunities you have afforded us to be of service to you."

In view of the above it has been decided by the Shrine Luncheons Committee that the price of future luncheons shall be \$1.25 until further notice. Both the Shrine Luncheons Committee and the Boston City Club regret the necessity for the raise in price and both sincerely hope that we may soon be able to return to the former price.



THE JANUARY LUNCHEON

WE told our readers of the surprise speaker we had for the Shrine Luncheon of January 26, 1937, well in advance, and, judging from the hundreds of favorable comments received since the event, we didn't exaggerate any. It was one of the outstanding luncheons of our Temple, with the guest speaker none other than Illustrious Melvin M. Johnson, 33rd, who held his hearers spellbound as he, in an easy, narrative style of address, discussed his own intimate, personal knowledge regarding the Masonic situation in Europe, and told how he met kings and princes and dukes and earls in a succession of delightful events that had to do chiefly with Masonry.

Harry G. Pollard, the newly-elected Potentate, presided, and had as his guests at the head table: Most Worshipful Noble Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts; Most Illustrious Arthur A. A. Stewart, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Massachusetts; Most Excellent Edwin Whittemore, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; Illustrious Past Potentate Charles H. Spilman, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council; Past Grand Master Arthur D. Prince, and Noble Frederick T. Brunton, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Sixty door prizes went to the lucky winners, all generously donated by Shriners and their friends. Full-size

tubes of Cuticura Shaving Cream were donated to each luncheon by Mr. William Hamilton of the Potter Drug & Chemical Company, of Malden, Massachusetts. Another valuable article will be presented to every person present at the February meeting.



Bowling News

By VAIL K. HAAK
Associate Editor

ON behalf of the other officers of the Bowling league and myself I should like to devote most of the column this month to suggestions.

The attendance at the meetings of late has not been as well as we had expected. Probably sickness has been partly responsible, and then again we think that possibly the evening in the week that we meet has been the trouble. We appreciate the fact that in maintaining a certain evening in the week, we can not please everyone, but the following suggestion might serve to alleviate to some extent the obstacle that now stands in our way.

My suggestion is that every bowler on the mailing list and also those that would like to bowl with Aleppo send a card or a letter to Headquarters stating what night in the week would be most convenient for them to bowl. I think that this plan will help to build the Shrine league to as big a proportion as any league hereabouts.

I have always been in favor of bowling every week because I think that a two weeks' lay-off dampens the ardor of even the most enthusiastic bowler. Let us have your opinion on this suggestion as soon as possible.

This last month we have met on two evenings at the City Club. There has been plenty of noise and very good scores. In the future we will print only the highest scores of the month—a sort of an honor roll. So let's go, Nobles, and let your friends see just how good a bowler you are.



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By Noble J. Howard Macaulay
Associate Editor

THE last dinner, or get-together, of the 1936 Degree Staff was held January 15, 1937, at the Hotel Lenox. We were privileged to have, as our guests, Past Potentate Fred E. Bolton and Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee. We enjoyed having them with us, and hope that, in the future, they will call often. A short talk by Major Bolton was very entertaining and instructive. Director "Stan" presented him with a framed photograph of the 1936 Degree Staff. He received it graciously, and promised to have it hung in its proper place. (The proper place is a matter of speculation among the boys.)

A beautiful Hamilton wrist-watch, suitably engraved, was presented by the Degree Staff, to "Stan" Stedfast in appreciation of his excellent work as Director during the past year. "Sid" Abbott had the honor of making the presentation speech. A telegram of thanks was received, during the evening, from Mrs. "Billie" Stedfast, acknowledging flowers sent to her by the Staff in honor of the occasion.

The entertainment, under the direction of Noble Vernon Pelley, was well received, and should rate a repeat order. For further information as to the entertainers, see Noble Alex Boig, Custodian of Costumes.

On looking over the Degree Staff picture, as published in the last issue of THE ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS, I find that in addition to the three members reported missing, there were two others: Nobles Edward Adolph, who was at the time sojourning in Cuba, and Louis J. McCord, better known as "Mora the Magician," who was on that particular evening entertaining with his magic.

I visited St. Omar Commandery, Knights Templar, Dorchester, at their official inspection, Monday, January 18. Our old pal, Noble "Scratch" Taylor, is a big shot there, too. Nobles Fred Marshall, Bill Sharp, St. Omar Standard Bearer, and other members of Aleppo Temple Patrol did their part to earn the excellent mark received—nine plus. Noble Russ MacDonald, Commander of Gethsemane Commandery, Newton, was sitting on the sidelines looking things over, and wondering about his own inspection, which will be over by the time this is published.

We are happy to welcome Noble "Sam" Smith as our new Director. Sam is familiar with the Degree Staff work, having served as Captain during Noble Paul Bowser's term as Director. It is Sam's sincere ambition to do everything possible in forming a Degree Staff of which Aleppo Temple will be justly proud. To this end, Sam can depend on the cooperation and loyalty of every member. It is not our new Director's intention to make any radical changes.

The Degree Staff being a very important unit, high standards must of necessity be maintained. We feel sure that in "Sam" we have a Director well qualified to carry on for Aleppo Temple.

Noble Gunnar Johnson showed up, as usual, at the Ceremonial. He's looking fine, and is again enjoying good health.

The courageous Noble who took a whirl with the roller-skaters at the Annual Meeting has been identified as Ed MacDonald of Newton, brother of Russ.

Our big-shot members are all set for their Winter vacations: "Sam" Cohan is already in Florida, and George Lewis expects to leave shortly.

Don't bother to send us the weather reports!



NOBLE "DADDY" CLARKE PASSES ON

NOBLE Frederick C. Clarke, "Daddy" of the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts, died December 11, 1936, at his home in New Bedford, following an illness of several years.

Noble Clarke was an enthusiastic Shriner and a devoted member of many



NOBLE FREDERICK C. CLARKE

Masonic Bodies. For many years he was affiliated with Aleppo Temple and was a pioneer in the organization of the Shrine Club, serving as its first President and being recalled to the office at a later period. He also acted as Treasurer of the group, relinquishing his active duties when stricken in 1933.

Born in New Bedford sixty-five years ago, son of the late A. Edwin Clarke, he was educated in the public schools, following which he became actively engaged in the bicycle business, becoming at the same time an ardent cyclist and prominent in the wheelmen's clubs of the period, the New Bedford and Crescent Cycle Clubs.

In 1903, Noble Clarke joined the clothing concern, Read and Company, and a few years later became the sole proprietor of the establishment. He retired from business when forced to his home by ill health.

He was a charter member of Quitticas Lodge and deeply interested in the Commandery. Noble Clarke likewise cherished his membership as a 32nd Degree Mason and with all his Masonic affiliations he rarely missed the opportunities which the sessions and observances afforded. He was the last Father Pilgrim of a band styled the Social Pilgrims which developed from pilgrimages of St. John's Day.

Noble Clarke labored untiringly for the Shrine Club and devoted great attention to crippled children, making innumerable trips to the Springfield Hospital and taking a constant fatherly interest in all the benefits possible for the unfortunates.

His life has been a useful and successful one, a valued contribution to his associations and his community. The cheery smile, the kindly fellowship ever extended, the genial disposition toward all will be richly treasured by the hosts of friends who mourn his passing.

The Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts is grateful for the endeavors of Fred Clarke and in the everlasting memories of its members will his spirit, energy, and faith continue with an abiding respect and serve in the years to come as an incentive to carry on the work and traditions in which he played such a leading role in securely building.

To Mrs. Annie Allen Clarke, the widow, and Mrs. Wilfred Taylor, the daughter, there is tendered the understanding and sincere sympathy of his associates. Truly it can be said of Noble Frederick C. Clarke, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . May the peace of Allah abide with you."

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Harry G. Pollard Unanimously Elected Potentate For Coming Year

THE Annual Session of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. was opened in Mechanics Building, Boston, Massachusetts, Friday, January 22, 1937, at 4:00 P.M. A short business meeting was held in Talbot Hall for the purpose of balloting upon the candidates for initiation, resulting in the election of 35 candidates as listed elsewhere in this issue, 7 affiliates and 15 reinstatements, following which the Ritualistic Degree Team, under the supervision of Noble Wilfred C. Mills, worked the ritual of the Mystic Shrine upon the elected candidates. Several hundred Shriners attended this afternoon meeting for the purpose of seeing this degree worked and were amply repaid for their efforts.

At this meeting the annual reports of the Treasurer, Recorder, Trustees of the Permanent Fund, and Auditing Committee were approved, copies of which had been printed and distributed.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the following Nobles were elected to honorary membership: G. LeRoy Gowen, Dover, N. H.; Past Potentate Linwood B. Thompson of Kora Temple, Bangor, Maine; Joseph R. Rosen, Aleppo Temple, and John N. Merrill, Past Potentate of Kora Temple, Bangor, Maine.

There being no further business to come before this afternoon meeting, it was adjourned, to be called in session at 6:45 P.M. in Grand Hall.

Immediately following the afternoon session, at 5 o'clock, the doors to the banquet hall were opened for a buffet dinner served under the supervision of the Chief Steward and his assistants.

From 6:15 to 6:45 P.M., Aleppo Temple Band, under the direction of Walter M. Smith, Jr., assisted by the Aleppo Temple Choir, entertained the Nobility with many stirring selections, the outstanding one being a cornet solo by Walter M. Smith, Jr.

At 6:45 P.M., the Temple was again called to order in Grand Hall for the purpose of conducting the annual election of officers. In the absence of the retiring Potentate Frank A. North, Chief Rabban Harry G. Pollard conducted the election, resulting in the following Nobles being unanimously elected to office in Aleppo Temple for the ensuing year:

Potentate, Harry G. Pollard;
Chief Rabban, Charles T. Cahill;
Assistant Rabban, James J. Curry;

High Priest and Prophet, Robert G. Wilson, Jr.;

Oriental Guide, Willard P. Lombard;

Treasurer, Frank W. Morrill;

Recorder, Walter W. Morrison;

Trustee of the Permanent Fund for Three Years, Joseph A. Bryant;

Representatives to the Imperial Council for 1937:

Harry G. Pollard,
Frank A. North,
Charles T. Cahill,
Fred E. Bolton.

The above officers were nominated by Past Potentate Fred E. Bolton, duly seconded by Past Potentate Clarence J. McKenzie, and the unanimous ballot for each candidate cast by Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee.

Upon accepting the office of Potentate, Illustrious Noble Harry G. Pollard was most enthusiastically received by the Nobles present, and was accorded a tremendous ovation by a large group of Lowell Nobles who had come down to Boston for the express purpose of seeing one of their native sons inducted into such a high and honorable office.

The officers as elected were then installed in their respective stations by Past Potentate Fred E. Bolton.

Potentate Arthur L. Carpenter, of Bekdash Temple, Concord, New Hampshire, was then introduced to the Nobles, and in behalf of his Temple presented honorary membership certificates to Nobles Frank W. Morrill, Treasurer, and Harvey B. Leggee, Assistant Recorder, who responded and thanked the visiting Potentate for the honors conferred. The Assistant Recorder of Aleppo in turn proposed the name of Illustrious Arthur L. Carpenter for honorary membership in Aleppo Temple, resulting in his receiving this honor.

The business meeting was then adjourned, following which the 4,800 Nobles present were treated to an evening's entertainment of high-class vaudeville under the direction of Noble "Charlie" Pike.

Literally thousands of our Nobles commented on the fact that our Noble Recorder, Walter W. Morrison, was unable to be present, due to a severe cold, this being the first Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple that he has missed in the past forty-two years, he having attended every meeting of the Temple since his initia-

tion in 1895. No wonder they missed Walter!

Judging from the many complimentary letters received since this event, this Annual Session was one of the most successful and enjoyable held for many years.



"I met a real optimist the other day," said the physician, "a fellow to whom I certainly doff my hat. He had lost a leg in a railroad accident, and when they picked him up, the first thing he said was: 'Thank God, it was the leg with the rheumatism!'"

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BY NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY

Associate Editor

WELL, as many others have affirmed, *tempus fugit*, and we are facing a new year in good old Aleppo Temple. We have sustained some sad losses in the personnel, but the memory of those fine Nobles will remain indelibly in our minds as long as we keep marching on.

As Noble Macaulay said last month in reference to the Degree Staff, the Patrol also is non-existent during this interim between administrations. The uniformed units may or may not be recognized by the time this issue is in the hands of the members, but the call to the colors of the word of the new Potentate.

We are glad to learn that Past Potentate Frank A. North is much improved and we hope that he will soon be with us again.

And now we hail our new officers and our new Potentate, illustrious Harry G. Pollard. It will be no new experience for him to preside over a large body of Masons, he having distinguished himself as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery as well as head of innumerable other large bodies.

There was no break in the line of advancement at the annual election January 22. The Patrol members felt some pride in that the Major, Past Potentate Fred E. Bolton, was the one who nominated the principal officers, and then after their election, gave them the oath of office. We were glad too of the recognition accorded Major Bolton in his election as Representative of Aleppo Temple at the Imperial Council Sessions to be held in Detroit, June 22, 23 and 24, 1937.

It is customary to assign Patrol members to special duties at the Annual Ceremonial, but there was but little work to be done this year. Lieutenants Freeman and Benson were assigned as guards and spent most of the time arguing which was senior in authority—they did their job efficiently, though noisily.

A distinction coming to one of the Patrol members was announced by the visiting Potentate of Bektash Temple. Noble Frank W. Morrill was elected an honorary member of that Temple by vote of their members. The same honor was accorded Noble Harvey B. Leggee, Assistant Recorder and Editor of THE ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS—both popular members, and we can well understand that their fine personalities should be appreciated as far off as Concord, N. H.

Reports from the home of Noble "Nat." Stacey, in regard to his illness, are most encouraging. "Nat" is constantly improving and will be back to the fold before long.

Post-cards from Dr. Stacey and his family indicate that they are having a great trip to Mexico. The tour, under the direction of Noble Harold Budreau,

of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, naturally will be perfect.

Noble Louis Buchsbaum has just made an interesting trip through Florida with Mrs. Buchsbaum and their six-year-old "Barby," in celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They started December 20 and had a glorious ten days at Miami, then to Orlando, Jacksonville, Richmond, etc. It was too much of a panorama for Louis to be very lucid about, but son "Barby" remembers every city and event up to their return on January 17. Louis brought back messages of good will from both Florida temples—especially to Walter Morrison and Harvey Leggee—and the good wishes of the populace in general that the Shriners again visit their state where they provided the best celebration in the memory of the Floridians. Louis drove his new Buick, which, he says, has everything—speed, comfort, and style—bought from a fellow named Hildred. Congratulations to Louis and Mrs. Buchsbaum and best wishes for the second quarter century. Incidentally, Noble Louis has had an adventurous existence, having captured many honors in the squared circle, was champion of his regiment, and has medals enough to cover him. He served in the U. S. Army and his son Irwin is a lieutenant in the Reserve Corps. But Louis is too modest for your reporter to get a really good story from him.

"Know, then, whatever cheerful and serene

Supports the mind, supports the body, too."

More anon.



HONORS NOBLE ELLICOTT'S FATHER

ONE of our well-known Nobles, Evans B. Ellicott, showed us a newspaper illustration of his father, Chandler G. Ellicott receiving a medal in commemoration of his seventy years as a Mason, having joined the Order in September, 1866. He was honored by the officers and members of Medina Lodge, of Medina, New York.

There are only two others in New York State with this record. Brother Ellicott is ninety-three years old, and the oldest Mason in the Niagara District.

We hope that his son, Noble Evans B. Ellicott, will some day receive similar honors.



Nobody has quite such a hard time of it as the fellow who is always looking for the easiest way to get along.

MORE SHRINERS ON VACATION

AMONG the Shriners who have recently taken Southern cruises is Noble John B. Lane, who drops us a line from Bermuda saying that he was sorry to miss the Annual Meeting on the twenty-second of January, but felt that he should go South and improve his golf for the coming season.

Mrs. Lane accompanied John on this Winter vacation cruise.



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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"PENNIES FROM HEAVEN"

IN our account of the Christmas party last month we omitted the name of one of our distinguished guests, our Illustrious Treasurer, Noble Frank W. Morrill. We don't know how this error occurred, unless it is because Frank is such a quiet, unassuming chap and did not make a speech on that occasion. However, we apologize for this omission and hope he will forgive us under the circumstances.

Last year Noble "Al" Newcombe, of the trombett section, decided to shake the dust of Revere from his feet and hike to Los Angeles, there to soak up the California sunshine and start a nut orchard. We expected about Christmas time that we would receive a car load, or at least a bushel or two, of nuts from Al's trees, but nothing happened; so we decided he had found the scheme too "nutty." However, when we arrived at the band room recently we found a nice fat letter awaiting us from the aforesaid Noble Newcombe, which letter we read to the boys, much to their amusement.

Al did not mention the nut orchard, but said it seemed strange to him to be watering the lawn in the middle of January and chasing the quail off the grass. His greatest pests, however, are the gophers, as they destroy his hedge plants overnight, and at 58 cents per plant makes it rather expensive; so Al shoots a gopher every day. Now, we believe the gopher belongs to the rodent family, (rats to you) and we wondered if the skins were of any value for fur so he might make a fur coat if he bagged enough of 'em. On "fur"ther consideration, we don't believe he would indulge in any such *skin* game. The way it looks to us is this: Alfred sees a gopher and will "gopher" his gun, the gopher will "gopher" his hole; if Al plugs him first the gopher will "gopher" the gopher heaven, and—Gosh! If we don't stop this "gopher" business you will all "gopher" us with clubs.

But to return to Al's letter—He offers up a sad lamentation, and with reason. At the time he turned his face toward the Pacific Coast, he was entitled to the "500 Club" medal, but when he made his farewell visit to the band room the medal had not been received from the factory; so they presented him with an empty case and promised to forward the medal to put in it at an early date. Through some misunderstanding said medal was not sent, hence Al's lament. Like Silas Wegg, the literary man in Dickens' *Mutual Friend*, Al drops into poetry without additional charge, and here is the "pome":

"I was presented with a medal from an empty hand one night,
For attending 500 rehearsals in Aleppo Band, that's right;
The "He" promised to mail it to me if I'd tell him where I am at,

Which I promptly did, but so far no medal cometh, and that's that.
The speech I made that evening was published, of course,
But the credit was given someone else, so I was cheated again, By Gosh!
So, Charlie, dear, get out your flute and play this little tune—
While I, in California, gaze at the lovely moon,
And dream of some friend in the band—a guy who's got a heart
And guts enough, next meeting, to speak up and take my part;
And tell the one whose job it is, to treat me on the square;
I trust, dear Noble, on this point I've made myself quite clear.
If by chance they can't afford one, then get busy as a bee,
And have one made and mail it, and charge it up to me."

Now a guy who can write such a soul-stirring appeal as this certainly deserves some consideration, (or maybe 30 days in jail). We understand that the "500 Medal" was on its way the following day per air mail. So Al, old top, we hope you have received the aforesaid medal long before this, and that it was as welcome as "Pennies from Heaven."

We were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, being laid up in bed with a severe cold, but we note by the newspaper account that other notables were absent on account of illness. One of the absentees was our Illustrious Recorder. We can hardly visualize an Annual Meeting without Walter on hand to greet the Nobility with that genial smile of his. It is the first time in 41 years that he has missed, and that is some record to shoot at. Here's hoping he is all right again by the time this goes to press.

Ernest Kimball, one of the bass drummers, called "Kimmie" for short (although he is some 6 feet in his socks), is fast becoming the "Great American Traveler." It seems as though that chap is just starting on a trip somewhere or returning from one, every little while. He informs us that he and Mrs. Kimball spent New Year's Day in the Island of Haiti, and "believe it or not" they received an official invitation to attend the New Year's Garden Party of the President of Haiti. To prove it, he showed us the invitation, engraved in French, which of course we read very fluidly—we meant to say *fluently*. "Kimmie" evidently did not go broke on the trip as he brought back a 5 gourdes bank note, or about one dollar in U. S. money. He gave us a picture post-card, and we notice the boy in the picture did not have as much on as Kipling's Gunga Din, whose uniform "was nothing much before, and rather less than 'arf o' that be'ind."

The next official job for the band will be at Melrose on Monday evening, February 22, when the boys will give a concert for the benefit of the Masonic bodies in that town. We hope for a big turnout in spite of the fact that it falls on a holiday.

Nobles "Dave" Hunt and "Gid" Sawyer visited our Leader on Christmas morning and presented him with the engrossed Greeting and Testimonial from the Band. Walter was delighted with it and said it brightened up the whole day. He wrote a wonderful letter to the boys which was read at the next meeting.

Noble Guy Shedd, who was appointed chairman of a special committee of the

band, went to the hospital a week or two after his appointment, for an operation for appendicitis. We have not seen him since then but we understand he is getting along nicely and is back on the job again.

Noble Fred Goggin, our Quartermaster, had a bad accident while motoring down in Maine a few weeks ago, and while Fred was not injured, Mrs. Goggin was seriously hurt. She has been in the hospital there ever since, but we understand is steadily improving.

We wish to take this opportunity of extending to our new Illustrious Potentate, our Best Wishes for a Most Successful year.

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Floridian Notes

IT beats all how Aleppo-Nians like to bask in the sunshine of Florida! Last month we carried quite a few lines of news from them, and we are pleased to include a few more names, addresses, etc., in this issue:

Noble Frank N. Belcher, 1431 East Gore Ave., Orlando, Florida, writes that he expects to go to Egypt Temple, Tampa, this month. He is feeling much improved in health and the weather has been the best ever.

Noble C. George W. Bagge, of E. Wolfboro, N. H., is at the Keystone Tourist Camp, 6307 Second Ave., Miami, Florida.

Noble E. R. Sanford, of Raynham Center, Mass., is at Hotel Lakeside, Hernando, Florida.

Noble Oscar E. Skinner is sojourning at Hotel Dallas Park, Miami.

Noble Fred L. Wetherbee is at 18 Cordova St., St. Augustine, Florida, for the rest of the winter.

Noble Clifford H. Bullard is at 1206 Oak St., N. E., St. Petersburg, Florida.

Noble "Bill" Shepard will be at Pinellas Park, Box 242, Florida, till May first.

Noble Frank Smith Selleck, Middletown, Conn., left for Florida on January 2, but he didn't say just what part.

Noble Harry E. Astley says St. Pete for his till May first, at 2816 Eleventh St., No.

Noble B. W. Prince is at 818 Twelfth St., No., St. Pete, till about April first.

Noble Frank Morrison of Milton will be at St. Pete till the last of March.

Noble Walter J. Hanscom is at 444 Third Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Fla., till June 1.

Noble W. W. Mundy will be at 1611 N. W. 42nd St., Miami, Florida, till June first.

Noble "Jim" Shaw writes from St. Pete to "Old Top Walter" and says that with golf, shuffle-board, bathing and fishing, not to mention the green benches, time sure flies!

Noble Arthur J. Travis, of Framingham, Mass., is at 322½ Twelfth Ave., N. E., St. Petersburg, Florida.

Noble Joseph A. Mahoney, who is a well-known character at our Ceremonials, arrived back from his recent trip to Florida just in time to attend the Annual Meeting.

"Joe," who was accompanied by Mrs. Mahoney, said that they completely covered the State of Florida on this trip, stopping long enough, however to visit the race tracks. He, of course, did not tell us how much money he won or lost. And we don't like to tell, either.



SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

By HOWARD A. FLANDERS
Associate Editor

MOST Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Bodies of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., Melvin Maynard Johnson, gave a very interesting and inspiring address entitled "Masonry in Europe" at the Shrine Lunch, Tuesday, January 26th,

at the Boston City Club. It was a wonderful address, such as he alone is capable of giving, and those present had a very enjoyable time.

Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection will hold their regular meeting February 5. It is hoped that we will have a large class of candidates. The 14° will be worked.

On February 12, Giles F. Yates Council, Princes of Jerusalem, will hold their regular meeting, working the 15°.

The regular meeting of the Mount Olivet Chapter of the Rose Croix will be held on February 19.

The regular meeting of Massachusetts Consistory will be held on February 26.

The many friends of Noble Frank Roman of Wilmington regret to learn of his illness. About a year ago he was in the Phillips House, where he underwent a serious operation, from which he has not entirely recovered, although he was able to return to his home. It is possible that he may be obliged to return to the hospital. Let us hope not.



NOBLE FLANDERS ON THE MEND

NOBLE Howard A. Flanders, Co-Editor for the Scottish Rite Bodies, is recovering slowly from his recent shock, and many friends will be pleased to know that he is not sick.

He is able to conduct his regular business by having his stenographer come to his home each day from the office.

We were very happy to see Noble Flanders once again at our January Shrine Luncheon.

WE GRATEFULLY ACCEPT THIS TRIBUTE

A NOBLE who wishes to sign himself "A New Hampshire Member," because he believes himself to be the last New Hampshire resident to join Aleppo, now in the jurisdiction of Bektash, of Concord, N. H., writes:

"As a newspaper reporter here, let me say, as I have thought many times of doing, that the Editor of THE ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS is doing better than any fraternal paper that I know of to bring to Masons a real, personal tie. I appreciate this very much.

"Again I want to tell Aleppo Temple that personally I am cognizant of the good work that the Crippled Children's Hospitals are doing. There is a case under my own observation. A friend and Legionnaire here has a little girl, crippled in the leg and born that way. The family has spent all they had for hospital help. Although not a Mason, through Brother Moorhead of Quincy, a friend of the family, the girl received treatment that has resulted in six months she is home and going to school. It's God's work!"

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Miscellaneous Communications

NOBLE C. B. Phillips writes from Eska, Alaska: "Enclosed please find money order for Children's Hospital tax. Please send my receipt to Eska, and then hold other communications until you hear from me as I am leaving Alaska some time in the near future to make my home in the States somewhere, as yet have not decided where it will be. Congress approved an act June 23, 1936, providing for the retirement of the employees of the Alaska Railroad who have reached the age of 62 years and have 15 years to their credit, hence the change."

Noble F. W. Dinwiddie writes the Noble Recorder: "Will you kindly change my address to Bishop Creek, California, as I spend nearly eight months at my cabin in the High Sierra and it will insure my getting *THE ALEPPO NEWS* and my notices quicker."

Noble James S. McKeeby writes: "I will be at 1530 E. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, for a few months and would like my card so I can attend the Shrine here. Don't change my permanent address. I still live in Massachusetts."

Noble Charles E. Beckwith, 318 Adams Street, Dorchester, writes: "Some time ago I sent you 75¼ lbs. of tin foil and am sending you 40 lbs. more. Hope it will do some good. I am 87 years old. Think I have done well." (Yes, Noble Beckwith, your generous offering of tin foil certainly will do some good, and we too think you have done well.)

One Noble who sent his check for the 1937 membership card wrote: "It is eleven years since I have attended a meeting—but I hope to some time." (You may be sure of a genuine Aleppo welcome when you do, Noble!)

MORE CONGRATULATIONS FOR NOBLE AND MRS. MORRISON

NOBLE "Bob" Robinson writes from Cleveland, Ohio, as follows:

"Dear Walter:

"One of the 'penalties' of success in modern business—at least, 'Western' business—is the fact that you never find time for anything but business—

like the aimless activities of 'monkeys in a cage' we hop around and go nowhere.

"However, I wanted to take the time to write you this little note and congratulate you and Mrs. Morrison on the occasion of your 54th Wedding Anniversary, notice of which I read in *THE ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS*.

"And to all the Shriners who may remember me and who may drop in to see you during the holidays—I extend my sincere best wishes for all good things for 1937."



NOBLE CHARLES T. CONVERSE PASSES ON

NOBLE Rt. Em. Charles T. Converse, a member of Melha Temple, Springfield, Massachusetts, dropped dead as he



NOBLE CHARLES T. CONVERSE

was walking near his country estate at Smith's Ferry, near Holyoke, Massachusetts, on Sunday, January 24, 1937.

He lived at 27 South Park Terrace, and all his life was an active Mason. He was about seventy years old and is survived by his widow. He was President of the Cheney D. Washburn undertaking firm of Springfield, Massachusetts.

At the 133d Annual Conclave in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the afternoon of October 21, 1936, Noble Converse was unanimously elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of

Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

He was treasurer of the Springfield Masonic Temple Association and Treasurer of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Springfield. He was a member of Samuel Osgood and Longmeadow Lodges, A. F. & A. M.; Tyrian Royal Arch Chapter, Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Springfield Commandery No. 6, Knights Templars, and was a 32° member of Connecticut Valley Consistory, A. A. S. R. of the Northern Jurisdiction for the United States of America.



NOBLE ON SOUTHERN CRUISE

NOBLE William L. Fernandez and Mrs. Fernandez of Chestnut Hill are sailing from New York on the *S.S. New York* (Hamburg-American Line) for a nineteen-day West Indies and South American Cruise, visiting St. Pierre, Fort-de-France, Barbadoes, Trinidad, La Guayra, Curacao, Cartagena, Colon, Panama, Kingston, and Havana.

A few days prior to sailing they will visit with their niece in New York City.

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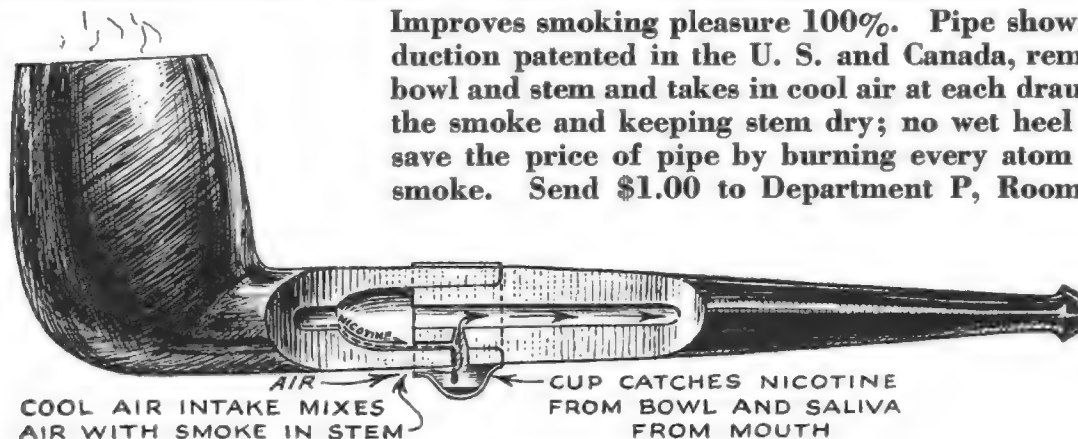
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SOUTH SHORE • NEWS •

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES
Associate Editor

QUINCY Commandery and South Shore Commandery of Weymouth are getting back in the habit of working the degrees with candidates on the list. Both are ready for their big parties on February 22, Ladies' Nights. Commander Frederick W. Phillips of Quincy has a splendid entertainment lined up. Weymouth also has a good program.

The three "Ms" over in Weymouth are stepping out to many inspections and reviews. W. Howard Mills, the Commander, has the advantage over most commanders in that his wife was matron of an Eastern Star Chapter and knows all the schemes for keeping interest high in fraternal orders. A. Kenneth Martin has an unbounded supply of energy, while William P. Morganstern is the official Grand Commandery song leader.

A flock of Knights went to St. Omer's Inspection in January and the way they stowed away the corn beef and cabbage one might have thought they were hungry. "Scratch" Taylor, Past Monarch of Taleb, Past High Priest of St. Matthew's Chapter and the young fellow who spent nearly a year playing around hospitals was on St. Omer's escort. No use talking, that work in Aleppo patrol as well as the Grottos helps make better marchers.

The Royal Arch Chapters in the Seventh Capitular District with Rt. Ex. Eben F. Hersey, the District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Oliver Cushing, Deputy Captain of the Hosts, are all collecting candidates. Rt. Ex. Hersey had his first visitation in his own Chapter, Wompatuck, of Hingham. They had chocolate ice cream for him. He enjoys the visitations immensely.

In the death of District Deputy Grand Secretary of the 26th Masonic District, Walter A. Mitchell, the entire Masonic

groups lost a real brother. Wor. Charles H. Allard, Master of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge last year, has been appointed to fill the office by Rt. Wor. Everett E. Weatherbee, with Wor. Guy L. Harden continuing as District Deputy Grand Marshal for the second term, all Past Masters of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge. The Right Worshipful made his first visitation to his own Lodge on January 22.

The Eastern Stars and Amaranths have been having their installations and both have a decided attraction for Nobles of the Shrine. A goodly number of patrons wear the emblem.

Our De Molay boys are devoting a bit of time to bowling and basketball along with taking in new members. It would do the fathers good to attend their meetings and would encourage the boys. In a few short years those young men will be crowding the present leaders in Masonry for places in the line.

The clubs like the LOAs and Staremes connected with the Star chapters are giving a part of their efforts to work for the Shriners Hospital in making scrap-books and other articles for the children. Wollaston Assembly of Rainbow girls has a well-defined plan for this work.

If the balance of Greater Boston attended the Shrine meeting the 22nd equal to Quincy and the South Shore there would have been a record crowd. They voted the evening a huge success. Snappy business session and a good show.



OLD TIMERS PASS INTO BEYOND

ONE of the oldest members of Aleppo Temple, Noble John Brownlee McKay, retired engineer of the Boston Fire Department, died Monday, January 11, at the age of eighty-six, in his home, 7 Imrie Road, Allston, Massachusetts.


Noble McKay was born in Hemmingford, P. Q., but spent most of his life in Allston. He belonged to Eliot Lodge of Masons, Jamaica Plain; Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M., and Joseph Warren Commandery, K. T., Roxbury; the Lodge of Perfection, Giles Fonda Yates Coun-

cil, Princes of Jerusalem, Mt. Olivet Chapter, Rose Croix; Massachusetts Consistory, 32nd Degree, and Aleppo Temple. He was also a member of the Boston Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Noble McKay is survived by a widow, two daughters, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Another one of our old-timers, Noble John W. Rockwell, of Medford, Massachusetts, passed away January 19, 1937. He joined Aleppo Temple on December 23, 1890.

Noble Eugene C. Upton, of Malden, Massachusetts, passed away on January 1, 1937. He was a Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge and was well-known in the York Rite of Masonry. He joined Aleppo Temple August 29, 1889.



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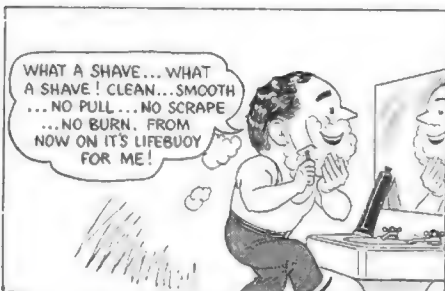
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THE MORSE CODE

By NOBLE JAKE MORSE,
Associate Editor

THE following, Brother Nobles, is the Christmas Greeting I received from Noble Lee, who was—and still is, I believe—the only Chinese resident of China who is a member of Aleppo Temple:

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Noble Lee was in Boston for some time and it was during that period some years ago that I had the pleasure of making his acquaintance and cultivating a friendship that has lasted until this day, and annually we exchange holiday greetings. I believe Noble Lee became a Scottish Rite Mason in Scotland. He was born in Sydney, Australia, and speaks our tongue with great facility.

It will be interesting to Masons to learn that the Gavel Club in Lawrence not so long ago held a party in honor of Benjamin F. Dame, who now over 90 years of age, is the oldest member of the craft in this State. It was just 70 years ago that he became a member of the fraternity in Newmarket, N. H. Now retired, he at one time was Principal of the Oliver Grammar School in Lawrence. Previous to making Lawrence his home, he was for 15 years trustee of the New Hampshire State Normal School.

Another grand old veteran still in our ranks of fraternalism is "Gus" (Augustus F.) Howell. If my arithmetic is correct, he has attained the ripe old age of 97. He takes the greatest of interest in things of today.

Talking about experiences, one never can tell! Happening in on the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery to other day, I encountered the Grand Commander, Charles F. Converse of Springfield, who is a member of Melha Temple of that city. He happened to be in the city to pay a fraternal visit to Palestine Commandery of Chelsea, of

which the Grand Commander is a Past Commander and present Recorder. And, say, the Grand Commander enjoyed his evening and left behind him a most pleasant recollection and a message that *sunk in*.

Not the least enjoyable part of the program was the musical feast provided by Eminent Otto F. Hauch, that *frater* being a Past Commander of Palestine. Then I ran into my dear, good, old friend, Ed. Whittemore, who is the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of this State, and just as I was leaving the structure, I encountered Claude LeRoy Allen, our Grand Master. Here was the chance meeting of three highlights—and the very next day I exchanged greetings with Arthur Stewart of Lowell, Grand Master of the Grand Council of this State.

Much interest is always taken in the appointment of District Deputies, especially when there is a change. I noted the passing out of office of Rt. Wor. Arthur Sondheim in the First District and attested the splendid record he had made. Naturally enough, there was a great deal of speculation as to his successor, who turned out to be Otto Albrecht, Junior Past Master of Germania Lodge, and with that go the best wishes of the Lodges of the district to the new incumbent. "Hoch soll sie leben!"

Our sympathy and best wishes to Ray Sewell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. Ray had the misfortune to break an arm in the Boston subway and has had it in a sling, but is making as good progress as could be expected. You can't keep a good man down!

Talking about long terms—I think Howard M. Dow of Joseph Warren Lodge of Boston tops the list with ease. He was one of the finest if not the finest organists in the city and served from December 1866 to December 1907—41 years, and then quit only on account of his departure for California. Following him came another distinguished artist, Everett E. Truette who manipulated the keys for 26 years. Here were two men who served the Lodge at the organ for 67 years!



DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

SUPREME Queen Maude E. Luxford of El Mejdal Temple, Denver, Colorado, paid an official visit to Oppela Temple for the purpose of inspecting the

work at a Ceremonial in full form, the Friday after Thanksgiving. Mrs. Luxford commended our Queen, Mrs. S. R. Cunningham, on her ritualistic work, and the officers in general. She also spoke about the hospital work, in which she is most interested, and cited individual cases she had noticed in each hospital she had visited up to that time.

Mrs. Myrtle Krone, Queen of Makkedah Temple, New York City, drove on to Boston to meet Mrs. Luxford and drive her to New York for her visitation there.

A very lovely altar-cloth has recently been dedicated in memory of F. Iva Hardy, who passed on during her term of office, and to our other deceased members. The dedication service was by our Senior Past Queen Mrs. C. W. Noffsinger.

The December meeting was preceded by an invitation luncheon given by Mrs. Thomas L. Estabrooks and Mrs. "Nat" Stacey, which was most delicious. Following the meeting, the Queen gave a Christmas Party for the members and officers. Every one had a delightful day and went away feeling the joy and happiness of the season.

The usual large box of toys sent every year to the hospital at Springfield was sent up in time for the Christmas Party. The members look forward to this part of our December meeting with much pleasure always.

Our Past Queen, Mrs. C. F. W. Ramus, was laid at rest on the Saturday after Christmas. Her passing was a shock to the members of Oppela Temple.

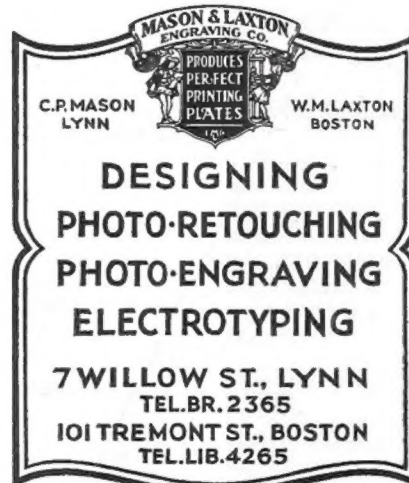


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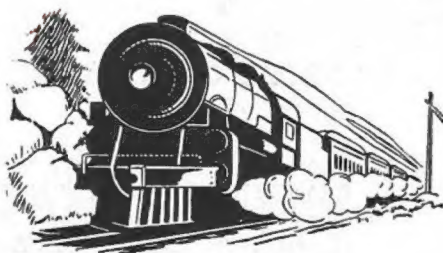
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